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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

10 PAUL GREEN, Derivatively on Behalf
of ENDOLOGIX, INC.,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 JOHN MCDERMOTT, VASEEM
14 MAHBOOB, DANIEL LEMAITRE,
LESLIE NORWALK, GUIDO J.
15 NEELS, CHRISTOPHER G. CHAVEZ,
GREGORY D. WALLER,
16 THOMAS C. WILDER, III, and
THOMAS F. ZENTY, III,

17 Defendants,

18 -and-

19 ENDOLOGIX, INC., a Delaware
20 corporation,

21 Nominal Defendant.

Case No.: 8:17-cv-01155

**VERIFIED SHAREHOLDER
DERIVATIVE COMPLAINT**

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

By and through his undersigned counsel, Plaintiff Paul Green (“Plaintiff”) brings this shareholder derivative action on behalf of Nominal Defendant Endologix, Inc. (“Endologix” or the “Company”), and against certain officers and directors of the Company for issuing false and misleading proxy statements in violation of Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”), and for breaches of fiduciary duties, unjust enrichment and corporate waste. Plaintiff makes these allegations upon personal knowledge as to those allegations concerning himself and, as to all other matters, upon the investigation of counsel, which includes without limitation: (a) review and analysis of public filings made by Endologix with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”); (b) review and analysis of press releases and other publications disseminated by certain of the Defendants and other related non-parties; (c) review of news articles, shareholder communications, analyst reports, and postings on Endologix’s website concerning the Company’s public statements; (d) pleadings, papers, and any documents filed with and publicly available from the related pending securities fraud class action, *Nguyen v. Endologix, Inc. et al.*, Case No. 2:17-cv-00017-AB-PLA (C.D. Cal.) (the “Securities Class Action”); and (e) review of other publicly available information concerning Endologix and the Individual Defendants (defined below).

NATURE AND SUMMARY OF THE ACTION

1. This is a shareholder derivative action brought on behalf of Endologix that seeks to redress wrongdoing by the Company’s board of directors (the “Board”) and certain of its senior officers. From at least April 20, 2016 to the present (the “Relevant Period”), the Individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties owed to Endologix and its shareholders and committed other violations of law by, *inter alia*, causing the Company to issue materially false and misleading statements and/or omit material information from its public filings and communications with analysts and investors, the disclosure of which would have

1 made such filings and communications not misleading. By and through the
2 Individual Defendants' violations of law, Endologix has sustained and will
3 continue to sustain damages, including hundreds of millions of dollars in losses to
4 the Company's market capitalization, as well as significant harm to its reputation,
5 goodwill, and standing in the business community. Moreover, the Individual
6 Defendants' wrongdoing has exposed the Company to millions of dollars in
7 potential liability from the Securities Class Action, and the significant costs
8 incurred (and to be incurred) in connection with the litigation and potential
9 resolution of that action.

10 2. Endologix is a medical devices company headquartered in Irvine,
11 California. Prior to, and continuing throughout the Relevant Period, Endologix's
12 most promising medical product was the Nellix® Endovascular Aneurysm Sealing
13 System ("Nellix EVAS System" or "Nellix"), which was touted as a new and
14 groundbreaking treatment device for abdominal aortic aneurysms. Traditionally,
15 patients suffering from abdominal aortic aneurysms were treated using invasive,
16 open surgical methods. Treatment with the Nellix EVAS System, on the other
17 hand, could be rendered using a small medical device, delivered via catheter,
18 without open surgery. Nellix was therefore marketed as a less invasive alternative
19 to traditional aneurysm treatment, which in turn, minimized the risk of
20 complications and reduced recovery time for patients.

21 3. Endologix launched the Nellix EVAS System in Europe on a limited
22 commercial basis in 2013. To date, however, the device has not been available for
23 use in the United States. Before it could launch Nellix in the United States,
24 Endologix needed to obtain premarket approval, or "PMA," for the device from
25 the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). As part of the FDA's PMA process,
26 Endologix was required to collect and submit nonclinical and human clinical data
27 demonstrating the safety and effectiveness of the device. As such, investors and
28 securities analysts were keenly focused on news concerning the Nellix clinical

1 trials and the progress the Company was making in obtaining FDA approval for
2 the device.

3 4. During the Relevant Period, the Individual Defendants painted a
4 falsely optimistic picture that premarket approval for Nellix was inevitable and
5 right around the corner. Accordingly, in the Company's SEC filings and during
6 investor conference calls, the Individual Defendants repeatedly assured the market
7 that clinical trials for the device were yielding positive results and that the
8 Company was "on track" to receive FDA approval by the end of 2016, or the early
9 part of 2017, at the latest.

10 5. The narrative that Endologix was on track to receiving FDA approval
11 for the Nellix EVAS System was false and misleading. Indeed, what investors did
12 not know was that Nellix was plagued by serious safety concerns which were
13 holding up the PMA process. The most serious issue facing Nellix was that the
14 device was prone to move around, or migrate, from its initial placement within the
15 body. This problem, known as "migration," was known to cause catastrophic
16 medical complications in patients. The Individual Defendants, however, caused
17 the Company to downplay the severity of Nellix's migration problem, and instead
18 conveyed to the market that the problem could be easily fixed.

19 6. Toward the end of 2016, it became increasingly clear that Endologix
20 was not on track to receive PMA as previously promised, due to concerns that
21 Nellix was prone to migration. Specifically, on November 16, 2016, the Company
22 shockingly announced that Nellix would not be receiving FDA approval within
23 the stated timeframe. The FDA had requested additional clinical data concerning
24 Nellix, which meant that PMA could not occur until the second quarter of 2018—
25 much later than promised. Following the announcement of the delay, the price of
26 Endologix stock fell \$2.02 per share to close at \$7.82 per share on November 16,
27 2016—a decline of over 20.5% from its previous closing price.
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1 7. Months later, on May 17, 2016, Endologix dropped another
2 bombshell revelation—it was no longer seeking FDA approval of the first
3 generation Nellix EVAS System at all. Instead, the Company revealed that it was
4 planning to seek approval of the second generation, or “Gen2” of the device, which
5 would require the Company to conduct altogether new and separate clinical
6 trials—*pushing the timeline for approval all the way out to 2020*.

7 8. On this shocking news, the price of Endologix stock plummeted 36%,
8 or \$2.47 per share, to close at \$4.26 on May 18, 2017—falling to its lowest level
9 in several years.

10 9. The Individual Defendants’ false and misleading statements (and
11 other wrongdoing, such as the failure to implement, maintain, or follow adequate
12 internal controls) caused Endologix stock to trade at artificially inflated levels
13 during the Relevant Period. After the revelations concerning Endologix’s inability
14 to meet the promised timeframe for FDA approval of Nellix seeped into the
15 market, the Company’s stock was hammered by massive sales, driving down the
16 share price from its artificially inflated highs, erasing hundreds of millions of
17 dollars of the Company’s market capitalization.

18 10. The Individual Defendants’ misconduct did not end there. During the
19 Relevant Period, Endologix’s Board authorized the filing of proxy statements with
20 the SEC, which urged stockholders to vote for the re-election of certain directors
21 and approve certain executive compensation proposals, among other proposals. In
22 seeking stockholder votes in accord with the Board’s recommendations, the proxy
23 statements misrepresented and/or omitted material information concerning, among
24 other things: (i) the failures of the Board and certain of its Committees to fulfill
25 their duties, including oversight of internal controls and disclosures; (ii) that the
26 Company was misrepresenting the timeframe for which it could obtain FDA
27 approval for Nellix; and (iii) that Nellix was suffering from persistent migration
28 problems that could not be fixed.

1 11. The Board has not, and will not, commence litigation against the
2 Individual Defendants named in this complaint, let alone vigorously prosecute
3 such claims, because they face a substantial likelihood of liability to Endologix for
4 authorizing or failing to correct the false and misleading statements alleged herein,
5 and for failing to correct and/or implement the necessary internal controls to
6 prevent the harm to the Company that has occurred. Accordingly, a pre-suit
7 demand upon the Board is a useless and futile act. Thus, Plaintiff rightfully brings
8 this action to vindicate the Company's rights against its wayward fiduciaries and
9 hold them responsible for the damages they have caused to Endologix.

10 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

11 12. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and Section 27 of the Exchange Act,
12 this Court has jurisdiction over the claims asserted herein for violations of
13 Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 14a-9 promulgated thereunder.
14 The Court has supplemental jurisdiction over the state law claims asserted herein
15 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1367(a).

16 13. The Court has jurisdiction over each Defendant because each
17 Defendant is either a corporation that does sufficient business in California, or is
18 an individual who has sufficient minimum contacts with California so as to render
19 the exercise of jurisdiction by the California courts permissible under traditional
20 notions of fair play and substantial justice.

21 14. Venue is proper in this Court in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1391(a)
22 because: (i) Endologix maintains its principal place of business in this District;
23 (ii) one or more of the Defendants either resides in or maintains executive offices
24 in this District; (iii) a substantial portion of the transactions and wrongs
25 complained of herein, including the Defendants' primary participation in the
26 wrongful acts detailed herein, and aiding and abetting and conspiracy in violation
27 of fiduciary duties owed to Endologix occurred in this District; and
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1 (iv) Defendants have received substantial compensation in this District by doing
2 business here and engaging in numerous activities that had an effect in this District.

3 15. In connection with the acts and conduct alleged herein, Defendants,
4 directly and indirectly, used the means and instrumentalities of interstate
5 commerce, including but not limited to, the United States mail, interstate telephone
6 communications, and the facilities of the national securities exchanges and
7 markets.

8 **THE PARTIES**

9 16. Plaintiff Paul Green is a stockholder of Endologix and has
10 continuously held stock in the Company since February 2016.

11 17. Nominal Defendant Endologix is a Delaware corporation with
12 principal executive offices at 2 Musick, Irvine, California 92618. Traded on the
13 NASDAQ Stock Market under the ticker symbol "ELGX," Endologix has more
14 than 82,975,000 shares outstanding as of May 1, 2017. Endologix develops,
15 manufactures, markets, and sells medical devices primarily for the treatment of
16 aortic disorders.

17 18. Defendant John McDermott ("McDermott") has served as Chief
18 Executive Officer ("CEO") and director of Endologix from May 2008 to the
19 present. Also, during the Relevant Period, McDermott served as the Company's
20 Chairman of the Board until the Chairman position was formally separated from
21 the CEO position in February 2017. McDermott is a defendant in the Securities
22 Class Action. During the Relevant Period, McDermott received \$3,201,133 in
23 compensation as an executive of Endologix.

24 19. Defendant Vaseem Mahboob ("Mahboob") has served as the
25 Company's Chief Financial Officer from October 2015 to the present. Mahboob
26 is a defendant in the Securities Class Action. During the Relevant Period,
27 Mahboob received \$1,221,606 in compensation as an executive of Endologix.
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1 20. Defendant Daniel Lemaitre (“Lemaitre”) has been a director of the
2 Company from December 2009 to the present. Lemaitre was appointed Chairman
3 of the Board in February 2017, after the Chairman position was formally separated
4 from the CEO position. During the Relevant Period, Lemaitre served as Chairman
5 of Endologix’s Nominating, Governance and Compliance Committee and also
6 served on the Company’s Audit Committee. During the Relevant Period, Lemaitre
7 received \$209,495 in compensation as a director of Endologix.

8 21. Defendant Leslie Norwalk (“Norwalk”) has been a director of the
9 Company from May 2015 to the present. During the Relevant Period, Norwalk
10 served on the Endologix’s Nominating, Governance and Compliance Committee.
11 During the Relevant Period, Norwalk received \$156,448 in compensation as a
12 director of Endologix.

13 22. Defendant Guido J. Neels (“Neels”) has been a director of the
14 Company from December 2010 to the present. Neels previously served on the
15 board of directors of Nellix, a company that was acquired by Endologix in 2010.
16 Endologix used the technology from the Nellix acquisition to develop the Nellix
17 EVAS System. During the Relevant Period, Neels served as Chairman of
18 Endologix’s Compensation Committee and also served on the Company’s
19 Nominating, Governance and Compliance Committee. During the Relevant
20 Period, Neels received \$165,834 in compensation as a director of Endologix.

21 23. Defendant Christopher G. Chavez (“Chavez”) has been a director of
22 the Company from February 2016 to the present. During the Relevant Period,
23 Chavez received \$230,975 in compensation as a director of Endologix.

24 24. Defendant Gregory D. Waller (“Waller”) has been a director of the
25 Company from November 2003 to the present. During the Relevant Period, Waller
26 served as Chairman of Endologix’s Audit Committee and also served on the
27 Company’s Nominating, Governance and Compliance Committee. Waller
28 received \$175,227 in compensation as a director of Endologix.

25. Defendant Thomas C. Wilder, III (“Wilder”), has been a director of the Company from May 2010 to the present. During the Relevant Period, Wilder served on Endologix’s Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee. Wilder received \$153,555 in compensation as a director of Endologix.

26. Defendant Thomas F. Zenty, III (“Zenty”), has been a director of the Company from May 2010 to the present. During the Relevant Period, Zenty served on the Compensation Committee. Zenty received \$151,558 in compensation as a director of Endologix.

27. Defendants identified in ¶¶ 18–26 are sometimes referred to herein as the “Individual Defendants.”

28. Defendants identified in ¶¶ 18, 20–26 are sometimes referred to herein as the “Director Defendants.”

29. Defendants Lemaitre, Waller, and Wilder are sometimes referred to herein as the “Audit Committee Defendants.”

SUBSTANTIVE ALLEGATIONS

Endologix’s Corporate Background and the Nellix EVAS System

30. Headquartered in Irvine, California, Endologix is a biomedical devices company that develops and manufactures products intended for the minimally invasive endovascular treatment of abdominal aortic aneurysms. Endologix’s products are based on two primary platforms: (i) traditional minimally invasive endovascular aneurysm repair (“EVAR”); and (ii) endovascular aneurysm sealing (“EVAS”), which uses the Company’s innovative solution for sealing the aneurysm sac while maintaining blood flow. Endologix’s current EVAS product is the Nellix EVAS System.

31. Endologix’s products are primarily targeted to individuals who suffer from atherosclerosis, a disease resulting in the thickening and hardening of arteries. Atherosclerosis, which affects 5% to 6% of people over the age of 65, is

1 generally attributable to genetics, smoking, high blood pressure, and/or high
2 cholesterol damage.

3 32. Atherosclerosis reduces the integrity and strength of blood vessel
4 walls, causing the vessel to balloon out—a condition known as an “aneurysm.”
5 Aneurysms are commonly diagnosed in the aorta, which is the body’s largest
6 artery. An abdominal aortic aneurysm occurs when a portion of the abdominal
7 aorta bulges into an aneurysm due to the weakening of the vessel wall, which may
8 result in life-threatening internal bleeding upon rupture. The overall patient
9 mortality rate for ruptured abdominal aortic aneurysms is approximately 80%,
10 making it a leading cause of death in the United States.

11 33. Endologix’s EVAR and EVAS products were developed as
12 alternatives to traditional methods of treating abdominal aortic aneurysms, which
13 generally involve invasive, open surgical procedures lasting two to four hours.
14 EVAR and EVAS products, by contrast, use minimally invasive procedures lasting
15 only an hour or two. In addition, patients who receive EVAR and EVAS treatment
16 typically have quicker recovery times and do not require the lengthy post-surgery
17 convalescence associated with traditional open surgery.

18 34. Endologix viewed the treatment of endovascular aortic aneurysms as
19 a huge market opportunity, with a potential value of \$4.0 billion. To capitalize on
20 this lucrative market, Endologix developed the Nellix EVAS System, a small
21 medical device that could be delivered into the body via catheter and then used to
22 seal the entire aneurysm sac. According to Endologix, the Nellix technology
23 substantially reduced the risk of complications associated with aneurysms,
24 including the chance of endoleaks, a serious condition that occurs when blood
25 leaks into the aneurysm sac.

26 35. Endologix, therefore, viewed the Nellix EVAS System as a disruptive
27 medical innovation that would enable the Company to capture a large part of the
28 endovascular aneurysm treatment market and propel its growth prospects. During

1 the May 5, 2015 Deutsche Bank Health Care Conference, Defendant Mahboob
2 highlighted the innovative nature of Nellix, stating “we’re trying to redefine the
3 entire endovascular repair into endovascular sealing as we call it.”

4 36. In January 2013, Endologix announced that it had received “CE
5 Mark” approval of the Nellix EVAS System, allowing the Company to commence
6 a limited market introduction of the device in Europe. CE marking is a mandatory
7 conformity marking for medical devices and other products sold within the
8 European Economic Area. CE marking generally indicates that a particular
9 product meets the threshold of safety, whereas FDA approval in the United States
10 requires a more stringent showing of *both safety and effectiveness*.

11 37. Although Nellix had launched on a limited basis in Europe, it has yet
12 to be introduced commercially in the United States. Before Nellix could be
13 marketed and sold in the country, Endologix needed to obtain premarket approval,
14 or PMA, the most stringent type of device marketing application required by the
15 FDA. Premarket approval is the process of scientific and regulatory review to
16 evaluate the safety and effectiveness of Class III medical devices—devices that
17 support or sustain human life, are of substantial importance in preventing
18 impairment of human health, or which present a potential, unreasonable risk of
19 illness or injury.

20 38. To obtain premarket approval, Endologix was required collect and
21 submit nonclinical and human clinical data on Nellix to demonstrate the safety and
22 effectiveness of the device. The collection of human clinical data was subject to
23 certain FDA Investigational Device Exemption (“IDE”) regulations. An IDE
24 application must be supported by specific data, including the results of animal and
25 engineering testing of the device. If an IDE application is approved by the FDA,
26 human clinical studies may begin at a specific number of investigational sites with
27 a maximum number of patients. The clinical studies must also be conducted under
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1 the review of an independent institutional review board to ensure the protection of
2 the patients' rights.

3 39. In December of 2013, Endologix received IDE approval from the
4 FDA to begin a clinical trial of the Nellix EVAS System in the United States. The
5 Company commenced the clinical trial, called the "EVAS Forward IDE," in
6 January 2014, and enrollment in the trial was completed in November 2014. In
7 May 2016, the Company announced the results of the one-year clinical data from
8 the EVAS Forward IDE, which established that Nellix had met the study's primary
9 endpoints for major adverse events at 30 days (safety), and treatment success at
10 one year (effectiveness).

11 40. Endologix also conducted an additional international study, known as
12 the "EVAS Forward Global Registry," which was "designed to provide real world
13 clinical results to demonstrate the effectiveness and broad applicability of the
14 Nellix EVAS System." The Company announced the completion of patient
15 enrollment in the EVAS Forward Global Registry in September 2014, and later
16 announced that it would be conducting a follow-up study involving additional
17 patients in November 2016.

18 41. Against this backdrop, investors and analysts were keenly focused on
19 Endologix's ability to obtain FDA premarket approval of Nellix, and the resulting
20 impact it would have on the Company's revenue stream and growth prospects.
21 Accordingly, during the Relevant Period, the Individual Defendants sought to
22 reassure the market that the Company was progressing with the PMA process and
23 that Nellix was on track to receive FDA approval by the fourth quarter of 2016, or
24 the early part of 2017, at the latest.

25 42. As it turned out, however, Nellix was not on track to receive FDA
26 approval in the promised timeframe, as there were serious concerns about a
27 "migration" problem affecting the device, which led to delays in the PMA process.
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1 43. According to the FDA, migration occurs when an implanted device
2 moves within the body, or is completely expelled from the body. Migration, if left
3 untreated, can result in a Type I endoleak (blood flow into the aneurysm sac),
4 aneurysm expansion, and rupture in its most catastrophic case.

5 44. As set forth in a 2016 case report, doctors in the United Kingdom
6 observed that the Nellix device was prone to migration, which in turn, heightened
7 the risk of endoleaks and other catastrophic consequences.¹ The case report cited
8 another study which found that the migration rate for the Nellix EVAS System
9 was 17%, compared to the 2.3% migration rate reported by the Company in the
10 Nellix EVAS IDE. The case report also discussed a patient whose aneurysm was
11 treated with the Nellix EVAS System. The Nellix EVAS device was removed
12 from the patient after the device migrated and the aneurysm sac expanded, with
13 case study authors noting that “in retrospect, we think that earlier intervention
14 should have been undertaken to mitigate the risk of a catastrophic event.”

15 45. The study concluded that “[i]n the absence of a proximal fixation
16 mechanism in EVAS, migration of the Nellix system should represent a more
17 ominous sign, which would complicate a persistent type I endoleak resulting in
18 continued aneurysm growth and inferior translocation of the stents within the
19 aneurysm sac. EVAS has failed to obliterate the long-term complication seen with
20 conventional endovascular treatment”

21 46. During the Relevant Period, Endologix’s senior management
22 attempted to downplay the migration issues that were affecting the device. During
23 a November 1, 2016 conference call with investors and analysts, Defendant
24 McDermott characterized Nellix’s migration problem as a recently discovered
25 issue that was a “very easy situation to address.” McDermott gave the impression
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27 ¹ Vasa (2016,) 45(6), 505-07. “Case Report: Nellix stent graft migration after
28 endovascular aneurysm sealing”, George A. Antoniou, Khalid Bashaeb, and Riza
Ibrahim, published Aug. 29, 2016.

1 that the Company was aggressively taking charge of the situation, noting “I think
 2 people are giving us a lot of credit for being so proactive and getting out ahead of
 3 it. I will say there are some physicians who think we’re being a little conservative.
 4 But our view is, let’s think patient safety first, and then we can see some ways to
 5 open up these patient criteria moving forward.” McDermott also assured investors
 6 that notwithstanding the concerns over migration, “[t]he Nellix PMA approval
 7 timelines are unchanged.”

8 47. The reality was that Endologix’s management had known about
 9 Nellix’s migration problem for quite some time and that it was a serious, ongoing
 10 concern that made it impossible for the Company to obtain FDA approval within
 11 the promised timeframe.

12 **The Individual Defendants Disseminated and/or Caused the Company to**
 13 **Disseminate False and Misleading Statements During the Relevant Period**

14 48. On or around May 5, 2016, the Individual Defendants authorized
 15 members of Endologix’s senior management to present at the Deutsche Bank
 16 Health Care Conference. During the Conference, Defendant Mahboob assured
 17 investors that the Company was on track to receive PMA by the fourth quarter
 18 of 2016, or the first quarter of 2017, at the latest:

19 A lot of discussion about FDA approval in the U.S. We
 20 published a press release in April that we have submitted all of the
 21 four modules at the earnings call in February. We talked about
 22 submitting them within 60 days to 90 days after the earnings call.
 23 We’re happy to report that we’ve submitted all the four modules to
 24 the FDA, they have them. And we have to wait for a 45-day period
 for the FDA to say that submission is complete, and then the 180-day
 window starts. And if you take that and say that and say 180 days
 gets you to the October-November time, that’s what we’ve been
 saying consistently.

25 I get a lot of questions about the panel, and John and our
 26 position is that there is nothing in the data that we see today that leads
 27 us to believe [] there will be a panel. But at the end of the day, this is
 28 the first PMA approval for EVAS versus EVAR and the agency will
 do what they have to. *But today, we feel pretty good about the
 timeline that we’ve been putting out consistently for the last six
 months to eight months, which is that we expect the approval to be
 in the Q4 [2016] to latest Q1 [2017] timeframe.* The one big piece

1 of data is going to be presented at SVS, which is on June 11 here in
 2 Boston, is the data for the IDE clinical data, which is going to be
 3 presented. And that's going to happen in June. ***So again, on track
 from a PMA milestone for a Q4 approval.***

4 49. On May 9, 2016, the Individual Defendants caused Endologix to issue
 5 a press release announcing the Company's first quarter 2016 financial results for
 6 the three-month period ended March 31, 2016 ("Q1 2016"). The Company
 7 reported a net loss for Q1 2016 of \$47.7 million, or \$(0.62) per share, compared
 8 with a net loss of \$11.2 million, or \$(0.17) per share, and pro-forma net loss of
 9 \$26.9 million for the first quarter of 2015. The Company also reiterated its full
 10 year 2016 financial guidance, noting it expected 2016 revenue to be in the range
 11 of \$192 million to \$202 million.

12 50. In the Q1 2016 press release, Defendant McDermott again confirmed
 13 that "[f]or Nellix, we . . . ***remain on track with our timeline for potential FDA
 14 approval at the end of 2016 or early 2017.***"

15 51. That same day, the Individual Defendants caused Endologix to host a
 16 conference call with analysts and investors, during which Defendants McDermott
 17 and Mahboob addressed questions concerning Nellix's overall performance and
 18 the Company's efforts to secure PMA for the device. Responding to an analyst's
 19 question about Nellix's performance, Defendant Mahboob stated in part, "***Nellix
 20 continues to do a fantastic performance outside of the U.S. . . . So I would say
 21 Nellix is doing as expected. No surprises.***"

22 52. When asked by an analyst to provide an update on the "FDA process,"
 23 Defendant McDermott stated that the Company was on schedule with obtaining
 24 PMA approval: "At this point what ***I can tell you is the process is clicking ahead
 25 on schedule and the interaction [with the FDA] has been constructive.*** So right
 26 now everything continues to look like a PMA approval, hopefully, ***by the end of
 27 this year or first part of next year.***"

53. Also on May 9, 2016, the Individual Defendants caused Endologix to file a quarterly report on Form 10-Q with the SEC for Q1 2016 (“Q1 2016 10-Q”), which was signed by Defendants McDermott and Mahboob. The Q1 2016 10-Q continued the narrative that Nellix was on track to receive FDA PMA within the promised timeframe by stating: “[w]e recently submitted our final premarket approval (“PMA”) modules to the FDA and ***remain on schedule for potential PMA approval at the end of 2016 or early 2017.***”

54. The Q1 2016 10-Q contained certifications pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2001 (“SOX”) signed by Defendants McDermott and Mahboob, in their respective capacities as CEO and CFO. The SOX certifications stated that the 10-Q “fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 . . .” and “[t]he information contained in the Quarterly Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.” Defendants McDermott and Davis further signed a separate certification stating, in relevant part:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Endologix, Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant’s other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and we have:

a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated

1 subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those
2 entities, particularly during the period in which this report is
being prepared;

3 b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting,
4 or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be
designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable
5 assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and
the preparation of financial statements for external reporting
6 purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting
principals;

7 c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure
8 controls and procedures and presented in this report our
conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls
9 and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this
report based on such evaluation; and

10 d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's
11 internal control over financial reporting that occurred during
the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's
12 fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has
materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect,
13 the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

14 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed,
based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial
15 reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of
registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent
16 functions):

17 a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in
the design or operation of internal control over financial
18 reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the
registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report
19 financial information; and

20 b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves
management or other employees who have a significant role in
21 the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

22 55. On August 2, 2016, the Individual Defendants caused Endologix to
23 issue a press release, announcing the Company's financial results for the second
24 quarter of 2016, or the three-month period ended June 30, 2016 ("Q2 2016"). The
25 Company reported a net loss for Q2 2016 of \$66.8 million, or \$(0.81) per share,
26 compared with a net loss of \$13.0 million, or \$(0.19) per share, and pro-forma net
27 loss of \$27.9 million for the second quarter of 2015. The Company also raised its
28 full year 2016 revenue guidance, stating it expected 2016 revenue to be in the

1 range of \$197 million to \$203 million, compared to \$192 million to \$202 million
2 previously stated.

3 56. In the Q2 2016 press release, Defendant McDermott stated that the
4 Company's revenue performance in the second quarter was due in part by "strong
5 growth with Nellix in international markets." McDermott also stated: "[f]or
6 Nellix, we reported several positive clinical data updates during the quarter,
7 highlighted by the results from the EVAS FORWARD-IDE study. These data
8 featured significantly lower rates of endoleaks and secondary interventions with
9 Nellix, which further increases our confidence in its long-term potential to be a
10 market leading device in the treatment of AAA."

11 57. Defendant McDermott also provided an update on the progress of the
12 PMA process, stating: "[i]n July, we completed our 100-day PMA meeting with
13 the FDA and remain confident in the approvability of Nellix. The FDA has
14 requested additional information related to our PMA submission and also indicated
15 that we might need to go to an Advisory Committee Panel given the novelty of
16 EVAS compared to traditional EVAR. If we do not have to go to panel, *we still*
17 *believe it's possible to receive PMA approval in the first quarter of 2017.* If we
18 do have to go to panel, we believe that it pushes out the potential PMA approval
19 into the third quarter of 2017. We are working very collaboratively with the FDA
20 to provide the required information and remain confident in the PMA approval of
21 Nellix based upon the IDE clinical results, data from other international studies
22 and our worldwide experience which now includes over 6,000 patients."

23 58. Also on August 2, 2016, the Individual Defendants caused Endologix
24 to host a conference call with analysts and investors to discuss the Company's
25 Q2 2016 financial results. During the conference call, Defendant McDermott
26 stated, "*we remain very positive about the likelihood of approval [for Nellix*
27 *EVAS System] and the significant growth we expect to drive with Nellix.*"
28 Moreover, in response to an analyst's inquiry whether there were any "red flag[s]"

1 concerning the data from the IDE study, McDermott stated that there were no
2 issues with the data, as follows:

3 **[Analyst, Stifel Nicolaus & Company]:** Okay, that's very helpful.
4 And I am going to slip in one last question, back on the panel. I'm
5 sure you're eager to provide the intimate details of your FDA
6 discussions. . . . But could you maybe give us a little bit more color,
7 more sense of comfort that there's not something else going on; there
8 was no red flag raised in some of the data that they saw? Anything
9 that you could give us that gives us any comfort there would be
10 helpful. Thank you.

11 **[McDermott]:** Sure. So, the three reasons that the agency will
12 typically consider sending a device to panel is; one, if there's any new
13 clinical issues of safety or efficacy. And, obviously, *everyone has*
14 *seen the data so we know there aren't any issues there.* The second
15 reason is if they feel, the FDA feels they don't have the clinical or
16 technical expertise to complete the review of the PMA. That's not
17 the case. So, the third is if it's novel technology.

18 59. Further, during the August 2, 2016 conference call, Defendant
19 McDermott assured investors that the PMA process was not being held up by FDA
20 inquiries into the clinical data from the IDE study:

21 **[Analyst, BMO Capital Markets]:** Hi. Can we talk a little bit about
22 what type of additional data or questions that you're receiving? I
23 mean is there any way to give us some information regarding that?

24 **[McDermott]:** Yes, I don't want to get too detailed with that, Joanne.
25 *What I can tell you is that none of the questions we got asked are*
26 *what I would characterize as big surprises.* There's clarification on
27 some things, some requests for additional analysis, some additional
28 testing. *Nothing that would suggest, in our view, any question or*
risk of approvability; just some more blocking and tackling and
clarification of the data we submitted. So, we don't see anything in
there that's giving us heartburn. It will just take a little time to pull
it all together. And we'd also like to take another run at this novelty
question and see if we can provide the agency with enough evidence
that the device isn't novel so that we don't have to go to panel. So,
that will be the focus of the work we do over the next few months.

A few days later, on August 10, 2016, the Individual Defendants
caused representatives of Endologix to attend the Canaccord Genuity
Growth Conference. During the Conference, Defendant McDermott
touted the groundbreaking nature of Nellix and continued to convey
that the PMA process was advancing within the stated timeframe.
McDermott noted: So that's why when—if you do any work or talk
to physicians, there's quite a lot of buzz about Nellix coming to
market. So, that said, we announced on our call last week that we've
completed our FDA trial. The data has been presented.

1 Now we are in our discussions with the FDA. All of the modules
 2 have been submitted. We are completed with our FDA audits.
Things are clicking along pretty nicely.

3 60. On November 1, 2016, the Individual Defendants caused Endologix
 4 to issue a press release, announcing the Company's financial results for the third
 5 quarter of 2016, or the three-month period ended September 30, 2017
 6 ("Q3 2016"). The Company reported a net loss for Q3 2016 of \$15.2 million, or
 7 \$(0.18) per share, compared with a net loss of \$10.9 million, or \$(0.16) per share,
 8 and pro-forma net loss of \$24.5 million for the third quarter of 2015.

9 Later that day, the Individual Defendants caused Endologix to host a
 10 conference call with investors and analysts to discuss the Company's
 11 Q3 2016 financial results. During the Q3 2016 conference call,
 12 Defendant McDermott again provided assurances that the PMA
 13 process was progressing as promised: In terms of the US PMA, we
 14 achieved the clinical endpoints in the IDE and have shared the latest
 clinical data with FDA. *We've also provided them with our updated
 patient selection criteria and have had positive discussions so far.
 The Nellix PMA approval timelines are unchanged, although we
 think a panel is more likely now, given the updated indications.*

15 61. During the November 1, 2016 conference call, Endologix's senior
 16 management addressed the issue of migration. Defendant McDermott conveyed
 17 that the migration problems affecting Nellix had only recently come to the
 18 Company's attention:

19 Regarding Nellix, *we recently ran an updated data cut from the IDE*
 20 *clinical database, and noticed an increase in migration in aneurysm*
 21 *enlargement in some patients with 2-year follow-up.* We've learned
 22 that migration with Nellix can occur in patients with small flow
 23 lumens and a lot of thrombus, because there isn't enough space to
 inject sufficient polymer to support the stents. *Our solution is a*
simple update to the patient selection criteria that measures the ratio
 of an aneurysm diameter to the flow lumen, to ensure there's enough
 space for polymer.

24 * * *

25 When we examined the IDE data for patients that fit within this
 26 updated selection criteria, *we see extremely positive safety and*
 27 *durability results out to 2 years*, which gives us confidence that
 28 Nellix can be a leading device in the treatment of abdominal aortic
 aneurysms.

1 62. Defendant McDermott went on to emphasize Endologix's favorable
2 interactions with the FDA, reassuring investors that any concerns related to
3 migration were minimal by stating in part: "we did have a successful clinical study
4 and met the endpoints in the trial. So actually when we've interacted with the
5 agency so far on the updated indications, they've responded favorably. *They had*
6 *some questions about migration and a curiosity if it was progressive. . . . We*
7 *can't really get into any of the data details at this point in time. . . . But what I*
8 *can tell you is that the re-interventions related to this issue are extremely low."*

9 63. Defendant McDermott further stated that the issue of migration was
10 "a very easy situation to address just by narrowing for those particular anatomies,"
11 adding that "I think people are giving us a lot of credit for being so proactive and
12 getting out ahead of it. I will say there are some physicians who think we're being
13 a little conservative. But our view is, let's think patient safety first, and then we
14 can see some ways to open up these patient criteria moving forward."

15 64. On November 8, 2016, the Individual Defendants caused Endologix
16 to file a quarterly report on Form 10-Q with the SEC for Q3 2016 ("Q3 2016 10-
17 Q"), signed by Defendants McDermott and Mahboob. The Q3 2016 10-Q
18 continued to provide the impression that Nellix was on track to receive FDA PMA
19 within the promised timeframe, stating in part: "[w]e are working collaboratively
20 and in a timely manner with the FDA to provide the required information, *and we*
21 *remain confident that we will receive PMA approval for Nellix EVAS System*
22 *based upon the IDE clinical results, data from other international studies and*
23 *our worldwide experience*, which now includes over 7,000 patients."

24 65. The Q3 2016 10-Q contained certifications, signed by McDermott
25 and Mahboob, that were similar to the certifications described in ¶ 54, attesting the
26 accuracy and completeness of the financial report.
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1 **THE REASONS WHY THE STATEMENTS WERE IMPROPER**

2 66. The statements referenced above were materially false and
3 misleading when made because they misrepresented or failed to disclose the
4 following adverse facts. The true facts, which were known or recklessly
5 disregarded by the Individual Defendants but were concealed from the investing
6 public, were as follows:

7 (a) the Nellix EVAS System was not on track for FDA approval
8 by the end of 2016, or the early part of 2017, at the latest, due to the
9 severe problems with migration which made the device ineligible for
10 FDA approval;

11 (b) the migration problems affecting the Nellix EVAS System was
12 not a recently discovered issue, but rather, a long-term concern known
13 to the Company;

14 (c) there was no “easy” or “simple” fix for the migration problem
15 affecting the Nellix EVAS System; rather, the problem was so severe
16 that the Company had to totally abandon its efforts to obtain PMA
17 approval of the first generation of the device; and

18 (d) based on the foregoing, the Individual Defendants lacked a
19 reasonable basis for their positive statements about the Company’s
20 financial performance and outlook during the Relevant Period.

21 67. As a result of the Individual Defendants’ false and misleading
22 statements and omissions, Endologix shares traded at artificially inflated prices
23 during the Relevant Period. Once the true facts regarding the Company’s financial
24 prospects and future business prospects began to emerge, the Company’s stock
25 price fell dramatically, erasing hundreds of millions of dollars in market
26 capitalization.

THE TRUTH EMERGES

68. On November 16, 2016, in advance of the Company's 2016 Investor Meeting, Endologix issued a press release entitled "Endologix Provides Update on Nellix PMA Process." The press released revealed for the first time that the Nellix EVAS System would not be receiving FDA approval within the previously promised timeline. It was further revealed in the press release that the FDA had requested the Company to provide two-year patient follow-up data from the Nellix EVAS Forward IDE Study. This meant that potential premarket approval of Nellix could not occur until the second quarter of 2018, delaying approval for at least an additional 18 months from the time the Company had previously announced.

69. McDermott was quoted in the press released as saying: "[w]e're disappointed by these requirements and the resulting delay, but encouraged by the 2-year clinical outcomes we have seen so far with Nellix under our newly revised instructions for use. We remain committed to EVAS with Nellix and have demonstrated outstanding clinical results in selected patients with both traditional and complex AAA anatomies."

70. The market responded negatively to this shocking announcement, and the price of Endologix stock fell \$2.02 per share, or over 20.5%, to close at \$7.82 per share on November 16, 2016.

71. During the Company's 2016 Investor Meeting held the next day, Defendant McDermott provided additional information concerning the delay of the PMA process and explained that the FDA's request for additional data stemmed from concerns over migration:

[Analyst, RTC]: Can you share with us were there migration issues in that subset of patients that the FDA already saw and is that why they're saying give me the two years for everybody?

[McDermott]: Yes. So everybody saw the one-year data which was 2.3% of patients had a 10 millimeter migration or more at one year. What we saw was when we did an updated data cut for our response, some of those patients went on to migrate more and there were some

1 patients that hadn't displayed any migration at one year that showed
2 signed of migration in year two.

3 And although most of those findings were still hadn't triggered
4 interventions, there were some and I'm not going to tell you there
5 were zero intervention. I honestly, right now, don't know the exact
6 number off the top of my head, but it was really the change in the rate.
7 It was the increase in the rate from year one to year two and that's
8 what drove the discussion.

9 72. Months later, on May 17, 2017, Endologix delivered the *coup de*
10 *grâce* when it finally revealed that after meeting with the FDA, the Company
11 would not be seeking approval of the first generation Nellix EVAS System at all.
12 Instead, the Company announced it would be seeking approval of an altogether
13 new version of the device—the “Gen2” Nellix EVAS System. This required a
14 completely separate clinical trial, which in turn, would push the timeline for
15 approval of the Nellix EVAS System all the way out to 2020.

16 73. In the May 17, 2017 press release entitled “Endologix Provides an
17 Update on the Nellix Endovascular Aneurysm Sealing System U.S. Regulatory
18 Status,” Endologix informed investors that it had met with the FDA and that
19 “based upon that meeting and further internal analysis, the company has
20 determined that it will seek U.S. approval of the Nellix® EVAS System by
21 conducting a confirmatory clinical study with the previously updated Instructions
22 for Use (IFU) and the Gen2 device design The Company will collaborate
23 with the FDA over the coming months on the confirmatory clinical study protocol
24 and anticipates beginning patient enrollment in the fourth quarter of this year with
25 PMA approval estimated to occur in 2020.”

26 74. On the heels of this bombshell announcement, the price of Endologix
27 stock declined more than \$2.47 per share, or 36%, from their closing price of \$6.73
28 on May 17, 2017, to close at \$4.26 on May 18, 2017.

**THE DIRECTOR DEFENDANTS VIOLATED SECTION 14(a) OF THE
EXCHANGE ACT AND SEC RULE 14a-9, IN FURTHER BREACH OF
THEIR FIDUCIARY DUTIES**

75. The Director Defendants also violated Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 14a-9 by causing Endologix to issue proxy statements containing materially false and misleading statements. The Director Defendants' failure to disclose material facts in the proxy statements likewise constitutes a breach of their fiduciary duties. Plaintiff expressly disclaims any fraud or intentional wrongdoing as to the proxy statement claims, as the claims are based solely on the Director Defendants' negligent actions.

The Director Defendants Caused Endologix to Issue the Materially False or Misleading 2016 Proxy Statement

76. On May 2, 2016, the Director Defendants caused Endologix to file a proxy statement on Schedule 14A with the SEC (the "2016 Proxy Statement") in connection with the 2016 annual stockholders meeting to be held on June 2, 2016. In the 2016 Proxy Statement, the Director Defendants solicited stockholder votes to re-elect the "Class III" directors, namely Defendants Waller, Wilder, and Zenty, and to approve the compensation of the Company's executive officers, among other proposals.

77. With respect to the proposal to re-elect certain directors, the 2016 Proxy Statement contained the following statements in the section entitled "Board of Directors Involvement in Risk Oversight":

Our board of directors oversees our risk management practices and strategies, taking an enterprise-wide approach to risk management that seeks to complement our organizational and strategic objectives, long-term performance and the overall enhancement of stockholder value. Our board's approach to risk management includes developing a detailed understanding of the risks we face, analyzing them with the latest information available, and determining the steps that should be taken to manage those risks, with a view toward the appropriate level of risk for a company of our size and financial condition.

1 While our board of directors has the ultimate responsibility for
 2 the risk management process, senior management and various
 3 committees of our board of directors also have responsibility for
 4 certain areas of risk management.

5 Our senior management team is responsible for day-to-day risk
 6 management and regularly reports on risks to our full board of
 7 directors or a relevant committee. Our legal, finance and regulatory
 8 areas serve as the primary monitoring and evaluation function for
 9 company-wide policies and procedures, and manage the day-to-day
 10 oversight of the risk management strategy for our ongoing business.
 11 This oversight includes identifying, evaluating, and addressing
 12 potential risks that may exist at the enterprise, strategic, financial,
 13 operational, compliance and reporting levels.

14 The Audit Committee focuses on financial compliance risk,
 15 working closely, for example, with management and our independent
 16 registered public accounting firm. The Compensation Committee
 17 assesses risks related to our compensation programs. In setting
 18 performance metrics, our Compensation Committee creates
 19 incentives for our senior executives that encourage an appropriate
 20 level of risk-taking that is commensurate with our short-term and
 21 long-term strategies. The Nominating, Governance and Compliance
 22 Committee monitors our compliance with all legal and regulatory
 23 requirements that affect our company and works closely with our
 24 internal compliance officers and outside legal counsel to identify and
 25 assess key operational risks related to legal and regulatory
 26 compliance, as well as appropriate mitigation strategies.

27 78. The 2016 Proxy Statement went on to describe the specific
 28 responsibilities and duties of the Audit Committee of the Board as follows:

The Audit Committee has the sole authority to appoint and,
 when deemed appropriate, replace our independent registered public
 accounting firm, and has established a policy of pre-approving all
 audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our independent
 registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee has, among
 other things, the responsibility to:

- review and approve the scope and results of the annual audit;
- evaluate with the independent registered public accounting firm the performance and adequacy of our financial personnel and the adequacy and effectiveness of our systems and internal financial controls;
- review and discuss with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the content of our financial statements prior to the filing of our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and annual reports on Form 10-K;

- establish procedures for receiving, retaining and investigating reports of illegal acts involving us or complaints or concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;
- establish procedures for the confidential, anonymous submission by our employees of concerns or complaints regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters; and
- assist our board of directors in its oversight of our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

79. The foregoing statements conveyed that the Board maintained sufficient and adequate risk management, financial compliance, and audit oversight programs and procedures. The 2016 Proxy Statement, however, omitted any disclosures concerning: (i) the Company's inadequate internal and disclosure controls; (ii) the Company's reporting failures concerning the performance of the Nellix EVAS System, the migration problems that plagued the device, and the Company's inability to obtain PMA for the device; and (iii) the Board-approved compensation programs that incentivized the reporting failures.

80. The 2016 Proxy Statement also urged stockholders to approve an advisory resolution regarding compensation paid to certain senior executives, including Defendants McDermott and Mahboob. In soliciting approval of the so-called "say-on-pay" compensation proposal, the 2016 Proxy Statement stated:

Our executive compensation practices are designed to attract, retain and reward our executives and strengthen the mutuality of interests between our executives and our stockholders in order to motivate our executives to maximize stockholder value. The primary goals of our executive compensation program are to motivate our executive officers to cause us to achieve the best possible financial and operational results, to attract and retain high quality executives who can provide effective leadership, consistency of purpose and enduring relations with relevant stockholders and to align the long-term interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders.

Our executive compensation program primarily consists of a base salary, cash incentive payments upon the achievement of corporate objectives and time-and performance-based equity incentive awards, which are generally in the form of stock options and restricted stock unit awards. The equity component of our compensation program is designed to align a portion of each executive officer's compensation with the interests of our stockholders to create long term value. We encourage you to

carefully review the section entitled “Compensation Discussion and Analysis” in this proxy statement for additional information on our executive compensation programs and practices, as well as the Summary Compensation Table and other related compensation tables and narrative disclosure, which describe the compensation of our named executive officers.

We are asking our stockholders to indicate their support for the compensation of our named executive officers as described in this proxy statement.

81. The foregoing statements conveyed that Endologix’s compensation system encouraged proper risk management, the achievement of the “best possible financial and operational results,” and the alignment of the long-term interests of the Company’s executive officers with those of its stockholders. In reality, the Company’s compensation system encouraged—and consistently rewarded—the non-disclosure and inadequate reporting of material information concerning the Company’s operations, financial performance, and other business concerns like the Nellix EVAS System.

82. The 2016 Proxy Statement also misrepresented and/or failed to disclose that the Nellix EVAS System was not on track for FDA approval in fourth quarter 2016 due to the severe, longstanding problems with migration.

83. Many Endologix stockholders, deprived of the material information described above, later voted to re-elect the slate of proposed directors and support the say-on-pay compensation proposal.

The Director Defendants Caused Endologix to Issue the Materially False or Misleading 2017 Proxy Statement

84. On May 1, 2017, the Director Defendants caused Endologix to file the file a proxy statement on Schedule 14A with the SEC (the “2017 Proxy Statement”) in connection with the 2017 annual stockholders meeting to be held on May 31, 2017. In the 2017 Proxy Statement, the Director Defendants solicited stockholder votes to re-elect the “Class I” directors, namely Defendants Lemaitre

1 and Norwalk, and approve the compensation of the Company's executive officers,
2 among other proposals.

3 85. With respect to the proposal to re-elect certain directors, the
4 2017 Proxy Statement contained the following statements in the section entitled
5 "Board of Directors Involvement in Risk Oversight":

6 Our board of directors oversees our risk management practices
7 and strategies, taking an enterprise-wide approach to risk
8 management that seeks to complement our organizational and
9 strategic objectives, long-term performance and the overall
10 enhancement of stockholder value. Our board's approach to risk
11 management includes developing a detailed understanding of the
12 risks we face, analyzing them with the latest information available,
13 and determining the steps that should be taken to manage those risks,
14 with a view toward the appropriate level of risk for a company of our
15 size and financial condition.

16 While our board of directors has the ultimate responsibility for
17 the risk management process, senior management and various
18 committees of our board of directors also have responsibility for
19 certain areas of risk management.

20 Our senior management team is responsible for day-to-day risk
21 management and regularly reports on risks to our full board of
22 directors or a relevant committee. Our legal, finance and regulatory
23 areas serve as the primary monitoring and evaluation function for
24 company-wide policies and procedures, and manage the day-to-day
25 oversight of the risk management strategy for our ongoing business.
26 This oversight includes identifying, evaluating, and addressing
27 potential risks that may exist at the enterprise, strategic, financial,
28 operational, compliance and reporting levels.

29 The Audit Committee focuses on financial compliance risk,
30 working closely, for example, with management and our independent
31 registered public accounting firm. The Compensation Committee
32 assesses risks related to our compensation programs. In setting
33 performance metrics, our Compensation Committee creates
34 incentives for our senior executives that encourage an appropriate
35 level of risk-taking that is commensurate with our short-term and
36 long-term strategies. The Nominating, Governance and Compliance
37 Committee monitors our compliance with all legal and regulatory
38 requirements that affect our company and works closely with our
39 internal compliance officers and outside legal counsel to identify and
40 assess key operational risks related to legal and regulatory
41 compliance, as well as appropriate mitigation strategies.

42 86. The 2017 Proxy Statement also described the specific responsibilities
43 and duties of the Audit Committee of the Board as follows:

1 The Audit Committee has the sole authority to appoint and,
 2 when deemed appropriate, replace our independent registered public
 3 accounting firm, and has established a policy of pre-approving all
 4 audit and permissible non-audit services provided by our independent
 5 registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee has, among
 6 other things, the responsibility to:

- 7 • review and approve the scope and results of the annual
 8 audit;
- 9 • evaluate with the independent registered public
 10 accounting firm the performance and adequacy of our financial
 11 personnel and the adequacy and effectiveness of our systems
 12 and internal financial controls;
- 13 • review and discuss with management and the
 14 independent registered public accounting firm the content of
 15 our financial statements prior to the filing of our quarterly
 16 reports on Form 10-Q and annual reports on Form 10-K;
- 17 • establish procedures for receiving, retaining and
 18 investigating reports of illegal acts involving us or complaints
 19 or concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing
 20 matters;
- 21 • establish procedures for the confidential, anonymous
 22 submission by our employees of concerns or complaints
 23 regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters; and
- 24 • assist our board of directors in its oversight of our
 25 compliance with legal and regulatory requirements.

26 87. The foregoing statements conveyed that the Board maintained
 27 sufficient and adequate risk management, financial compliance, and auditing
 28 oversight programs and procedures. The 2017 Proxy Statement, however, omitted
 material disclosures concerning: (i) the Company's inadequate internal and
 disclosure controls; (ii) the reporting failures concerning the performance of the
 Nellix EVAS system, the migration problems that plagued the device, and the
 Company's inability to obtain PMA for the device; and (iii) the Board-approved
 compensation programs that incentivized the reporting failures.

88. The 2017 Proxy Statement also urged stockholders to approve an
 advisory resolution regarding compensation paid to certain senior executives,
 including Defendants McDermott and Mahboob. In soliciting approval of the so-
 called "say-on-pay" compensation proposal, the 2017 Proxy Statement stated:

1 Our executive compensation practices are designed to attract,
2 retain and reward our executives and strengthen the mutuality of
3 interests between our executives and our stockholders in order to
4 motivate our executives to maximize stockholder value. The primary
5 goals of our executive compensation program are to motivate our
6 executive officers to cause us to achieve the best possible financial
7 and operational results, to attract and retain high quality executives
8 who can provide effective leadership, consistency of purpose and
9 enduring relations with relevant stockholders and to align the long-
10 term interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders.

11 Our executive compensation program primarily consists of a
12 base salary, cash incentive payments upon the achievement of
13 corporate objectives and time-and performance-based equity
14 incentive awards, which are generally in the form of stock options
15 and restricted stock unit awards. The equity component of our
16 compensation program is designed to align a portion of each
17 executive officer's compensation with the interests of our
18 stockholders to create long term value. We encourage you to
19 carefully review the section entitled "Compensation Discussion and
20 Analysis" in this proxy statement for additional information on our
21 executive compensation programs and practices, as well as the
22 Summary Compensation Table and other related compensation tables
23 and narrative disclosure, which describe the compensation of our
24 named executive officers.

25 We are asking our stockholders to indicate their support for the
26 compensation of our named executive officers as described in this
27 proxy statement.

28 89. The foregoing statements conveyed that Endologix's compensation
system encouraged proper risk management, the achievement of the "best possible
financial and operational results," and the alignment of the long-term interests of
the Company's executive officers with those of its stockholders. In reality, the
Company's compensation system encouraged—and consistently rewarded—the
non-disclosure and inadequate reporting of material information concerning the
Company's operations, financial performance, and other business concerns
including the Nellix EVAS System.

90. The 2017 Proxy Statement also misrepresented and/or failed to
disclose that the Nellix EVAS System was not on track for FDA approval in the
promised timeframe, due to the severe, longstanding problems with migration.

DUTIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL DEFENDANTS

Fiduciary Duties

91. By reason of their positions as officers, directors, and/or fiduciaries of Endologix, and because of their ability to control the business and corporate affairs of Endologix, the Individual Defendants owed, and owe, the Company and its shareholders fiduciary obligations of trust, loyalty, good faith, and due care, and were, and are, required to use their utmost ability to control and manage Endologix in a fair, just, honest, and equitable manner. The Individual Defendants were, and are, required to act in furtherance of the best interests of Endologix and its shareholders so as to benefit all shareholders equally, and not in furtherance of their personal interest or benefit.

92. Each director and officer of the Company owes to Endologix and its shareholders the fiduciary duty to exercise good faith and diligence in the administration of the affairs of the Company and in the use and preservation of its property and assets, and the highest obligations of fair dealing.

93. In addition, as officers and/or directors of a publicly held company, the Individual Defendants had a duty to promptly disseminate accurate and truthful information with regard to the Company's financial and business prospects so that the market price of the Company's stock would be based on truthful and accurate information.

Audit Committee Duties

94. In addition to these duties, the members of Endologix's Audit Committee (Defendants Lemaitre, Waller and Wilder) owed specific duties to the Company under its Audit Committee Charter, including reviewing and approving quarterly and annual financial statements and earnings press releases, and ensuring that the Company had appropriate and effective internal controls over financial reporting.

1 95. According to the Audit Committee Charter, the Audit Committee was
2 formed to:

3 (1) Assist the Board in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to the
4 oversight of:

5 (a) the integrity of the financial statements of the Company,

6 (b) the independent auditor's qualifications and
independence,

7 (c) the performance of the Company's independent
8 auditors, and

9 (d) the compliance by the Company with legal and
regulatory requirements;

10 (2) Prepare the audit committee report that the rules of the
11 Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") require to
be included in the Company's annual proxy statement; and

12 (3) To provide such other assistance that the Board, from time to
13 time, requests.

14 96. Specifically, with respect to financial statement and disclosure
15 matters, the members of the Audit Committee owed the following specific duties
16 to Endologix under the Audit Committee Charter:

17 1. Review and discuss with management and the independent
18 auditor the annual audited financial statements, including disclosures
made in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition
19 and results of operations, and recommend to the Board whether the
audited financial statements should be included in the Company's
20 Form 10-K.

21 2. Review and discuss with management and the independent
auditor the Company's quarterly financial statements prior to the
22 filing of its Form 10-Q, including the results of the independent
auditor's review of the quarterly financial statements.

23 3. Discuss with management and the independent auditor
24 significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in
connection with the preparation of the Company's financial
25 statements, including any significant changes in the Company's
selection or application of accounting.

26 4. Discuss with management any major issues as to the adequacy
27 of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures and internal
control over financial reporting and any special steps adopted in light
28 of material control deficiencies. Discuss with external auditors any

1 significant matters regarding internal control over financial reporting
2 that have come to their attention during the conduct of the audit.

3 5. Review and discuss with the Company's independent auditor
4 and management, at least annually, reports from the independent
5 auditor on:

6 (a) All critical accounting policies and practices used by the
7 Company and those which the Company intends to use.

8 (b) All alternative treatments of financial information
9 within generally accepted accounting principles that have been
10 discussed with management, ramifications of the use of such
11 alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment
12 preferred by the independent auditor.

13 (c) Other material written communications between the
14 independent auditor and management, such as any
15 management letter or schedule of unadjusted differences.

16 6. Discuss with management the Company's earnings press
17 releases, including the use of "pro forma" or "adjusted" non-GAAP
18 information, as well as financial information and earnings guidance
19 provided to analysts and rating agencies. The chair of the Committee
20 may represent the entire Committee for purposes of this review. The
21 discussion may be done generally (consisting of discussing the types
22 of information to be disclosed and the types of presentations to be
23 made).

24 7. Discuss with management and the independent auditor the
25 effect of regulatory and accounting initiatives as well as off-balance
26 sheet structures on the Company's financial statements.

27 8. Discuss with management the Company's major financial risk
28 exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control
such exposures, including the Company's risk assessment and risk
management policies.

9 9. Discuss with the independent auditor the matters required to be
discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 relating to the
conduct of the audit, including any difficulties encountered in the
course of the audit work, any restrictions on the scope of activities or
access to requested information, and any significant disagreements
with management.

10 10. Review disclosures made to the Audit Committee by the
11 Company's CEO and CFO during their certification process for the
12 Form 10-K and Form 10-Q about any significant deficiencies in the
13 design or operation of internal controls or material weaknesses
14 therein and any fraud involving management or other employees who
15 have a significant role in the Company's internal controls.

16 11. Review management's report on internal control over financial
17 reporting and the independent auditors' attestation and report on
18 management's internal control over financial reporting to be included

1 in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K prior to its filing with
2 the Commission.

3 97. Further, under the Audit Committee Charter, the members of the
4 Audit Committee owed duties to Endologix concerning compliance oversight,
5 including the following responsibilities:

6 1. Obtain from the independent auditor assurance that all
7 communications required by Section 10A(b) of the Exchange Act
8 have been made.

9 2. Obtain reports from management that the Company and its
10 subsidiary/foreign affiliated entities are in conformity with applicable
11 legal requirements and the Company's Code of Ethics for the CEO
12 and senior financial officers.

13 3. Obtain reports from the Company's Compliance Officer
14 regarding conformity of the Company's operations with the
15 Company's Comprehensive Compliance Program and Code of Ethics
16 for Interactions with Health Care Professionals, including applicable
17 state laws.

18 4. Confirm with the independent auditors that nothing has come
19 to their attention during the course of their work with the Company
20 that the Company may not be in compliance with applicable legal
21 requirements.

22 5. Review reports and disclosures of insider and affiliated party
23 transactions.

24 6. Advise the Board with respect to the Company's policies and
25 procedures regarding compliance with applicable laws and
26 regulations and with the Company's Code of Ethics for the CEO and
27 senior financial officers and with the Comprehensive Compliance
28 Program and Code of Ethics for Interactions with Health Care
Professionals. Establish procedures for the receipt, retention and
treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding
accounting, internal accounting controls, auditing or compliance
matters, and the confidential, anonymous submission by employees
of concerns regarding questionable accounting, auditing or
compliance matters.

7. Discuss with management and the independent auditor any
correspondence with regulators or governmental agencies and any
published reports which raise material issues regarding the
Company's financial statements or accounting policies.

8. Discuss with the Company's General Counsel legal matters
that may have a material impact on the financial statements or the
Company's compliance policies.

1 9. Perform any other activities consistent with this Charter as the
2 Committee or the Board deems necessary or appropriate.

3 98. Upon information and belief, throughout the Relevant Period,
4 Endologix maintained an Audit Committee Charter (or charters) that was (or were)
5 materially and substantially the same in substance as the Company's current
6 Charter described herein.

7 **Duties Pursuant to the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

8 99. Additionally, the Individual Defendants, as officers and/or directors
9 of Endologix, were bound by the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics
10 (the "Code"), which was comprised of multiple compliance documents and
11 industry codes of ethics, as specifically referenced on the Company's corporate
12 website, including the following: (i) Compliance Declaration, (ii) Comprehensive
13 Corporate Compliance Program, (iii) Employee Communication Channels,
14 (iv) Global Business Conduct Standards with Health Care Professionals,
15 (v) AdvaMed Code of Ethics, and (vi) MedTech Europe Code of Ethical Business
16 Practice.

17 100. As stated in the Compliance Declaration of the Code, representatives
18 of Endologix, including the Individual Defendants, were obligated to hold
19 themselves to the "highest standards of business conduct," "comply with the many
20 laws and regulations that affect [the Company's] activities worldwide," and
21 demand "honesty and ethical behavior in all that [the Company does]." Based on
22 information and belief, the foregoing Declaration was made in May 2016, and
23 again in May 2017.

24 101. Upon information and belief, the Company maintained versions of
25 the documents that comprised the Code during the Relevant Period, which
26 imposed the same, or substantially and materially the same or similar, duties on,
27 among others, the Board, as those set forth above.

Control, Access, and Authority

102. The Individual Defendants, because of their positions of control and authority as directors and/or officers of Endologix, were able to, and did, directly and/or indirectly, exercise control over the wrongful acts complained of herein, as well as the contents of the various public statements issued by Endologix.

103. Because of their advisory, executive, managerial, and directorial positions with Endologix, each of the Individual Defendants had access to adverse, non-public information about the financial condition, operations, and improper representations of Endologix.

104. At all times relevant hereto, each of the Individual Defendants was the agent of each of the other Individual Defendants and of Endologix, and was at all times, acting within the course and scope of such agency.

Reasonable and Prudent Supervision

105. To discharge their duties, the officers and directors of Endologix were required to exercise reasonable and prudent supervision over the management, policies, practices, and controls of the financial affairs of the Company. By virtue of such duties, the officers and directors of Endologix were required to, among other things:

- (a) ensure that the Company complied with its legal obligations and requirements, including acting only within the scope of its legal authority and disseminating truthful and accurate statements to the investing public;
- (b) conduct the affairs of the Company in an efficient, business-like manner so as to make it possible to provide the highest quality performance of its business to avoid wasting the Company's assets, and to maximize the value of the Company's stock;
- (c) properly and accurately guide shareholders and analysts as to the true financial and business prospects of the Company at any given time,

1 including making accurate statements about the Company's business and
 2 financial prospects and internal controls;

3 (d) remain informed as to how Endologix conducted its operations, and
 4 upon receipt of notice or information of imprudent or unsound conditions or
 5 practices, make reasonable inquiry in connection therewith, and take steps
 6 to correct such conditions or practices and make such disclosures as
 7 necessary to comply with securities laws; and

8 (e) ensure that Endologix was operated in a diligent, honest, and prudent
 9 manner and ensure compliance with all applicable laws, rules, and
 10 regulations.

11 **BREACHES OF DUTIES**

12 106. Each Individual Defendant, by virtue of his or her position as a
 13 director and/or officer, owed to Endologix and its shareholders the fiduciary duties
 14 of loyalty and good faith, and the exercise of due care and diligence in the
 15 management and administration of the affairs of Endologix, as well as in the use
 16 and preservation of its property and assets. The conduct of the Individual
 17 Defendants complained of herein involves a knowing and culpable violation of
 18 their obligations as directors and officers of Endologix, the absence of good faith
 19 on their part, and a reckless disregard for their duties to Endologix and its
 20 shareholders that the Individual Defendants were aware, or should have been
 21 aware, posed a risk of serious injury to Endologix. The conduct of the Individual
 22 Defendants who were also officers and/or directors of the Company have been
 23 ratified by the remaining Individual Defendants, who collectively comprised the
 24 entirety of Endologix's Board.

25 107. The Individual Defendants each breached their duties of loyalty and
 26 good faith by allowing Defendants to cause, or by themselves causing, the
 27 Company to make false and/or misleading statements that misled shareholders into
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1 believing that disclosures related to the Company's financial and business
2 prospects were truthful and accurate when made.

3 108. In addition, as a result of the Individual Defendants' illegal actions
4 and course of conduct, the Company is now the subject of the Securities Class
5 Action that alleges violations of the federal securities laws. As a result, Endologix
6 has expended, and will continue to expend, significant sums of money to rectify
7 the Individual Defendants' wrongdoing.

8 **CONSPIRACY, AIDING AND ABETTING, AND CONCERTED ACTION**

9 109. In committing the wrongful acts alleged herein, the Individual
10 Defendants have pursued, or joined in the pursuit of, a common course of conduct,
11 and have acted in concert with, and conspired with, one another in furtherance of
12 their wrongdoing. The Individual Defendants further aided and abetted and/or
13 assisted each other in breaching their respective duties.

14 110. During all times relevant hereto, the Individual Defendants
15 collectively and individually initiated a course of conduct that was designed to
16 mislead shareholders into believing that the Company's business and financial
17 prospects were better than they actually were. In furtherance of this plan,
18 conspiracy, and course of conduct, the Individual Defendants collectively and
19 individually took the actions set forth herein.

20 111. The purpose and effect of the Individual Defendants' conspiracy,
21 common enterprise, and/or common course of conduct was, among other things,
22 to: (a) disguise the Individual Defendants' violations of law, including breaches of
23 fiduciary duties and unjust enrichment; and (b) disguise and misrepresent the
24 Company's actual business and financial prospects.

25 112. The Individual Defendants accomplished their conspiracy, common
26 enterprise, and/or common course of conduct by causing the Company to
27 purposefully, recklessly, or negligently release improper statements. Because the
28 actions described herein occurred under the authority of the Board, each of the

1 Individual Defendants was a direct, necessary, and substantial participant in the
2 conspiracy, common enterprise, and/or common course of conduct complained of
3 herein.

4 113. Each of the Individual Defendants aided and abetted and rendered
5 substantial assistance in the wrongs complained of herein. In taking such actions
6 to substantially assist the commissions of the wrongdoing complained of herein,
7 each Individual Defendant acted with knowledge of the primary wrongdoing,
8 substantially assisted the accomplishment of that wrongdoing, and was aware of
9 his or her overall contribution to and furtherance of the wrongdoing.

10 **DAMAGES TO ENDOLOGIX**

11 114. As a result of the Individual Defendants' wrongful conduct,
12 Endologix disseminated false and misleading statements and omitted material
13 information to make such statements not false and misleading when made. The
14 improper statements have devastated Endologix's credibility. Endologix has been,
15 and will continue to be, severely damaged and injured by the Individual
16 Defendants' misconduct.

17 115. As a direct and proximate result of the Individual Defendants' actions
18 as alleged above, Endologix's market capitalization has been substantially
19 damaged, having lost hundreds of millions of dollars in value, as a result of the
20 conduct described herein.

21 116. Further, as a direct and proximate result of the Individual Defendants'
22 conduct, Endologix has expended, and will continue to expend, significant sums
23 of money. Such expenditures include, but are not limited to:

- 24 (a) costs incurred in investigating and defending Endologix and certain
25 officers in the pending Securities Class Action, plus potentially
26 millions of dollars in settlement or to satisfy an adverse judgment;
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1 (b) costs incurred from compensation and benefits paid to the Individual
2 Defendants, which compensation was based, at least in part, on
3 Endologix's artificially-inflated stock price; and

4 (c) costs incurred from the loss of the Company's customers' confidence
5 in Endologix's products and services.

6 117. Moreover, these actions have irreparably damaged Endologix's
7 corporate image and goodwill. For at least the foreseeable future, Endologix will
8 suffer from what is known as the "liar's discount," a term applied to the stocks of
9 companies who have been implicated in illegal behavior and have misled the
10 investing public, such that Endologix's ability to raise equity capital or debt on
11 favorable terms in the future is now impaired.

12 **DERIVATIVE AND DEMAND FUTILITY ALLEGATIONS**

13 118. Plaintiff brings this action derivatively in the right and for the benefit
14 of Endologix to redress injuries suffered, and to be suffered, by Endologix as a
15 direct result of the Individual Defendants' breaches of fiduciary duties and unjust
16 enrichment, as well as the aiding and abetting thereof, by the Individual
17 Defendants. Endologix is named as a nominal defendant solely in a derivative
18 capacity.

19 119. Plaintiff will adequately and fairly represent the interests of
20 Endologix in enforcing and prosecuting its rights.

21 120. Plaintiff was a shareholder of Endologix common stock at the time of
22 the wrongdoing of which Plaintiff complains, and has been continuously since.

23 121. Plaintiff did not make a pre-suit demand on the Board to pursue this
24 action because such a demand would have been a futile and wasteful act.

25 122. At the time this action was commenced, the Board of Endologix
26 consisted of the following eight (8) directors: Defendants Lemaitre, McDermott,
27 Chavez, Neels, Norwalk, Waller, Wilder, and Zenty. A majority of these
28 individuals are not disinterested and independent with respect to the acts and

omissions alleged herein. Notably, all of these individuals face a substantial likelihood of personal liability for their violations of Section 14a of the Exchange Act and breaches of the duties of trust, loyalty, good faith, candor, oversight, reasonable inquiry, supervision, and due care described herein. Where a plaintiff alleges that at least half of the members of the current board are not independent or disinterested, demand is excused as futile.

Demand is Futile as to the Director Defendants Because They Face a Substantial Likelihood of Liability

123. Director Defendants Lemaitre, McDermott, Chavez, Neels, Norwalk, Waller, Wilder, and Zenty face a substantial likelihood of liability for their individual misconduct. As alleged herein, each of the Director Defendants violated Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act by negligently making the misstatements and omissions in the 2016 and 2017 Proxy Statements. Accordingly, demand is excused because each member of the Board at the time this action was commenced faces a substantial likelihood of liability

124. The Director Defendants also breached their fiduciary duties of loyalty, good faith, and candor by causing or allowing improper statements to be made in the Company's press releases, investor conference calls and presentations, and SEC filings regarding the Nellix EVAS System and the ability of the Company to obtain FDA premarket approval for the device.

125. Moreover, the Director Defendants owed a duty to, in good faith and with due diligence, exercise reasonable inquiry, oversight, and supervision to ensure that the Company's internal controls and/or internal auditing and accounting controls over financial reporting were sufficiently robust and effective (and/or were being implemented effectively), and to ensure that the Audit Committee's duties were being discharged in good faith and with the required diligence and due care. Instead, they knowingly and/or with reckless disregard reviewed, authorized, and/or caused the publication of materially false and

1 misleading statements throughout the Relevant Period that caused Endologix's
2 stock to trade at artificially-inflated prices.

3 126. The Director Defendants also wasted corporate assets by paying
4 improper compensation and bonuses to certain of the Company's executive
5 officers and directors. The handsome remunerations paid to wayward fiduciaries
6 who proceeded to breach their fiduciary duties to the Company was improper and
7 unnecessary, and no person of ordinary, sound business judgment would view this
8 exchange of consideration for services rendered as fair or reasonable.

9 127. The Director Defendants' making or authorization of false and
10 misleading statements during the Relevant Period, failure to timely correct such
11 statements, failure to take necessary and appropriate steps to ensure that the
12 Company's internal controls or internal auditing and accounting controls were
13 sufficiently robust and effective (and/or were being implemented effectively),
14 failure to take necessary and appropriate steps to ensure that the Audit
15 Committee's duties were being discharged in good faith and with the required
16 diligence, and/or acts of corporate waste and abuse of control, constitute breaches
17 of fiduciary duties, for which they face a substantial likelihood of liability. If the
18 Director Defendants were to bring a suit on behalf of Endologix to recover
19 damages sustained as a result of this misconduct, they would expose themselves
20 to significant liability. This is something they will not do. For this reason, demand
21 is futile.

22 **Demand is Futile as to the Audit Committee Defendants**

23 128. Pursuant to the Audit Committee Charter, Audit Committee
24 Defendants Lemaitre, Waller, and Wilder were responsible for, among other
25 things, reviewing and approving quarterly and annual financial statements and
26 earnings press releases, overseeing Endologix's internal controls over financial
27 reporting, and discharging their other duties described herein. Despite these
28 duties, the Audit Committee Defendants knowingly or recklessly reviewed and

1 approved, or failed to exercise due diligence and reasonable care in reviewing and
2 preventing, the dissemination of false and/or materially misleading earnings press
3 releases and earnings guidance, and failed in their specific duties to ensure that the
4 Company's internal controls over financial reporting were sufficient and that
5 statements made by the Company regarding its business and financial prospects
6 were accurate. Accordingly, the Audit Committee Defendants face a sufficiently
7 substantial likelihood of liability for breach of their fiduciary duties of loyalty and
8 good faith. Any demand upon the Audit Committee Defendants therefore is futile.

9 **Demand is Futile as to Defendant McDermott**

10 129. Demand is futile as to Defendant McDermott, as Endologix admits
11 McDermott does not meet the standards for director independence, given his
12 current role as CEO of the Company.

13 130. McDermott also cannot disinterestedly consider a demand to bring
14 suit against himself because McDermott is a named defendant in the Securities
15 Class Action, which alleges that he made many of the same misstatements
16 described above in violation of the federal securities laws. Thus, if McDermott
17 were to initiate suit in this action, he would compromise his ability to
18 simultaneously defend himself in the Securities Class Action and would expose
19 himself to liability in this action. This he will not do.

20 131. McDermott is also interested, and therefore not independent or
21 disinterested, because he has financially benefitted from his own wrongdoing and
22 the wrongdoing of the other Individual Defendants, and because his livelihood
23 continues to depend on compensation from Endologix. For example, in 2016, at a
24 time when he was making and causing Endologix to make material misstatements
25 concerning the Nellix EVAS System and the Company's efforts to obtain FDA
26 PMA for the device, McDermott received more than \$3.2 million in total
27 compensation from Endologix, including salary, bonus, stock awards, option
28 awards, and other compensation. As such, McDermott cannot independently

1 consider any demand to sue himself for breaching his fiduciary duties to Endologix
2 because that would expose him to liability and threaten his livelihood.

3 **Demand is Futile as to All Director Defendants for Additional Reasons**

4 132. The Board of Endologix has already demonstrated that it cannot
5 independently and disinterestedly consider a pre-suit demand to bring the claims
6 set forth herein. Despite the wrongdoing of the Company's executive officers,
7 including Defendants McDermott and Mahboob, who, respectively, still serve as
8 the Company's CEO and CFO, the Board has taken no action to address the harm
9 this misconduct has caused the Company.

10 133. Each of the current directors receives an annual cash compensation,
11 as well as awards of Endologix stock, purely for being a Board member. This
12 compensation provides a substantial stipend to these directors, from which each of
13 them personally benefits and depends on for his or her livelihood. Demand on
14 each of the directors is futile because, through their course of conduct to date, they
15 have demonstrated their unwillingness to undertake any action that would threaten
16 the economic benefits they receive as members of Endologix's Board.

17 134. If Endologix's current officers and directors are protected against
18 personal liability for their breaches of fiduciary duties alleged in this complaint by
19 Directors & Officers Liability Insurance ("D&O Insurance"), they caused the
20 Company to purchase that insurance for their protection with corporate funds, i.e.,
21 monies belonging to the shareholders. However, Plaintiff is informed and believes
22 that the D&O Insurance policies covering the Director Defendants in this case
23 contain provisions that eliminate coverage for any action brought directly by
24 Endologix against the Director Defendants, known as the "insured versus insured
25 exclusion."

26 135. As a result, if the members of Endologix's Board were to sue
27 themselves or certain officers of Endologix, there would be no D&O Insurance
28 protection, and thus, this is a further reason why they will not bring such a suit.

1 On the other hand, if the suit is brought derivatively, as this action is brought, such
2 insurance coverage exists and will provide a basis for the Company to effectuate
3 recovery. Therefore, the members of the Board cannot be expected to file the
4 claims asserted in this derivative lawsuit because such claims would not be
5 covered under the Company's D&O Insurance policy.

6 136. Under the factual circumstances described herein, the Director
7 Defendants are more interested in protecting themselves than they are in protecting
8 Endologix by prosecuting this action. Therefore, demand on Endologix and its
9 Board is futile and is excused.

10 137. Endologix has been, and will continue to be, exposed to significant
11 losses due to the Individual Defendants' wrongdoing. Yet, the Director
12 Defendants have not filed any lawsuits against themselves or others who were
13 responsible for the wrongful conduct. Thus, the Director Defendants are breaching
14 their fiduciary duties to the Company and face a sufficiently substantial likelihood
15 of liability for their breaches, rendering any demand upon them futile.

16 138. Plaintiff has not made any demand on shareholders of Endologix to
17 institute this action since such demand would be a futile and useless act for the
18 following reasons:

19 (a) Endologix is a publicly traded company with thousands of
20 shareholders of record and at least hundreds of thousands of beneficial
21 owners;

22 (b) making demand on such a number of shareholders would be
23 impossible for Plaintiff, who has no means of collecting the names,
24 addresses, or phone numbers of Endologix shareholders; and

25 (c) making demand on all shareholders would force Plaintiff to incur
26 excessive expenses and obstacles, assuming all shareholders could even be
27 individually identified with any degree of certainty.
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1 **COUNT I**

2 **Against the Director Defendants for Violations of Section 14(a) of the**
3 **Exchange Act**

4 139. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every
5 allegation contained above, as though fully set forth herein.

6 140. The Section 14(a) Exchange Act claims alleged herein are based
7 solely on negligence. They are not based on any allegation of reckless or knowing
8 conduct by or on behalf of the Director Defendants. The Section 14(a) Exchange
9 Act claims alleged herein do not allege and do not sound in fraud. Plaintiff
10 specifically disclaims any allegations of, reliance upon any allegation of, or
11 reference to any allegation of fraud, scienter, or recklessness with regard to the
12 non-fraud claims.

13 141. Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78n(a), provides that
14 “[i]t shall be unlawful for any person, by the use of the mails or by any means or
15 instrumentality of interstate commerce or of any facility of a national securities
16 exchange or otherwise, in contravention of such rules and regulations as the [SEC]
17 may prescribe as necessary or appropriate in the public interest or for the protection
18 of investors, to solicit or to permit the use of his name to solicit any proxy or
19 consent or authorization in respect of any security (other than an exempted
20 security) registered pursuant to section 78l of this title.”

21 142. Rule 14a-9, promulgated pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Exchange
22 Act, provides that no proxy statement shall contain “any statement which, at the
23 time and in the light of the circumstances under which it is made, is false or
24 misleading with respect to any material fact, or which omits to state any material
25 fact necessary in order to make the statements therein not false or misleading.”
26 17 C.F.R. § 240.14a-9.

27 143. The Director Defendants negligently issued, caused to be issued, and
28 participated in the issuance of materially misleading written statements to

1 stockholders which were contained in the 2016 and 2017 Proxy Statements. The
2 2016 and 2017 Proxy Statements contained proposals, *inter alia*, to Endologix's
3 stockholders urging stockholders to re-elect certain directors to the Board and
4 approve the compensation of the Company's executive officers. The 2016 and
5 2017 Proxy Statements, however, misstated or failed to disclose: (i) the
6 Company's inadequate internal and disclosure controls; (ii) the Company's
7 reporting failures concerning the performance of the Nellix EVAS System, the
8 migration problems that plagued the device, and the Company's inability to obtain
9 PMA for the device; (iii) the Board-approved compensation programs that
10 encouraged the non-disclosure and inadequate reporting of material information;
11 and (iv) that the Nellix EVAS System was not on track for FDA approval due to
12 the severe, longstanding problems with migration.

13 144. By reasons of the conduct alleged herein, the Director Defendants
14 violated Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act. As a direct and proximate result of
15 the Director Defendants' wrongful conduct, Endologix misled and/or deceived its
16 stockholders by making misleading statements that were an essential link in
17 stockholders heeding Endologix's recommendation to re-elect certain directors to
18 the Board and approve certain executive compensation.

19 145. The misleading information contained in the 2016 and 2017 Proxy
20 Statements was material to Endologix's stockholders in determining whether to
21 elect certain directors to the Board and approve certain executive compensation.
22 This information was also material to the integrity of those directors that were
23 proposed for election to the Board.

24 146. Plaintiff, on behalf of Endologix, thereby seeks relief for damages
25 inflicted upon the Company based upon the misleading Proxy Statements.
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COUNT II

Against the Individual Defendants for Breach of Fiduciary Duties

147. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation contained above, as though fully set forth herein.

148. The Individual Defendants owed, and owe, fiduciary obligations to Endologix. By reason of their fiduciary relationships, the Individual Defendants owed, and owe, Endologix the highest obligation of good faith, fair dealing, loyalty, due care, reasonable inquiry, oversight, and supervision.

149. Based on the misconduct alleged herein, the Individual Defendants violated and breached their fiduciary duties of good faith, fair dealing, loyalty, due care, reasonable inquiry, oversight, and supervision.

150. The Individual Defendants each knowingly, recklessly, or negligently approved the issuance of false statements that misrepresented and failed to disclose material information concerning the Company. These actions could not have been a good faith exercise of prudent business judgment to protect and promote the Company's corporate interests.

151. As a direct and proximate result of the Individual Defendants' failure to perform their fiduciary obligations, Endologix has sustained significant damages. As a result of the misconduct alleged herein, the Individual Defendants are liable to the Company.

152. Plaintiff, on behalf of Endologix, has no adequate remedy at law.

COUNT III

Against the Individual Defendants for Unjust Enrichment

153. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation contained above, as though fully set forth herein.

154. By their wrongful acts and omissions, the Individual Defendants were unjustly enriched at the expense, and to the detriment, of Endologix.

155. The Individual Defendants were unjustly enriched as a result of the compensation they received while breaching their fiduciary duties owed to Endologix.

156. Plaintiff, as a shareholder and representative of Endologix, seeks restitution from Defendants and seeks an order from this Court disgorging all profits, benefits, and other compensation obtained by the Individual Defendants from their wrongful conduct and fiduciary breaches.

157. Plaintiff, on behalf of Endologix, has no adequate remedy at law.

COUNT IV

Against the Individual Defendants for Waste of Corporate Assets

158. Plaintiff incorporates by reference and realleges each and every allegation contained above, as though fully set forth herein.

159. The wrongful conduct alleged regarding the issuance of false and misleading statements was continuous, connected, and on-going throughout the Relevant Period. It resulted in continuous, connected, and on-going harm to the Company.

160. As a result of the misconduct described above, the Individual Defendants wasted corporate assets by: (i) by paying excessive compensation and bonuses to certain of its executive officers; (ii) awarding self-interested stock options to certain officers and directors; and (iii) incurring potentially millions of dollars of legal liability and/or legal costs to defend the Individual Defendants' unlawful actions.

161. As a result of the waste of corporate assets, the Individual Defendants are liable to the Company.

162. Plaintiff, on behalf of Endologix, has no adequate remedy at law.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment as follows:

1 A. Against all Defendants for the amount of damages sustained by the
2 Company as a result of Defendants' violations of federal law, breaches of fiduciary
3 duties, unjust enrichment and waste of corporate assets;

4 B. Directing Endologix to take all necessary actions to reform and
5 improve its corporate governance and internal procedures to comply with
6 applicable laws, and to protect Endologix and its shareholders from a repeat of the
7 damaging events described herein, including but not limited to, putting forward
8 for shareholder vote resolutions for amendments to the Company's By-Laws or
9 Articles of Incorporation, and taking such other action as may be necessary to
10 place before shareholders for a vote the following corporate governance proposals
11 or policies:

- 12 • a proposal to strengthen the Board's supervision of operations and
13 compliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations;
- 14 • a proposal to appropriately test and strengthen the Company's
15 internal reporting and financial disclosure controls;
- 16 • a proposal to proposal to de-classify the Company's Board and
17 calling for each director to stand for election to the Board annually;
- 18 • a proposal to develop and implement procedures for greater
19 shareholder input into the policies and guidelines of the Board;
- 20 • a proposal to ensure the accuracy of the qualifications of Endologix's
21 directors, executives, and other employees;
- 22 • a provision to permit the shareholders of Endologix to nominate at
23 least three candidates for election to the Board to replace existing
24 directors; and
- 25 • a proposal to strengthen the Company's oversight and controls over
26 insiders' purchase and sale of Company stock;

1 C. Awarding to Endologix restitution from the Individual Defendants
2 and ordering disgorgement of all profits, benefits, and other compensation
3 obtained by the Individual Defendants;

4 D. Awarding to Plaintiff the costs and disbursements of the action,
5 including reasonable attorneys' fees, accountants' and experts' fees, costs, and
6 expenses; and

7 E. Granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and
8 proper.

9 **JURY DEMAND**

10 Plaintiff demands a trial by jury.

11 Respectfully Submitted,

12 Dated: July 6, 2017

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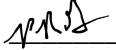
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VERIFICATION

I, Paul Green, verify that I have reviewed the foregoing Verified Shareholder Derivative Complaint, and that the allegations as to me are true and correct and that the other allegations upon information and belief are true and correct.

Dated: July 5, 2017

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(Signature of Paul Green)